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Smiles That Won't Come Off

One of the secrets of President Roosevelt's extraordinary popularity is in the amount of entertainment he affords. The country had, and is having, more fun out of his nature-fake outbreak than it had had out of anything else for a long time. Few people care very much whether he is a right or wrong, but all admire the tremendous earnestness and the frankness with which he tackled the proposition. It is noticeable that there is practically no bitter criticism or harsh cartooning of Roosevelt. It is all pure fun. The teeth and goggles may be subjected to severely sarcastic insinuations by the artists, but the element of humor is ever the dominating one, rather than the bitterness with which Bryan, for example, is portrayed. Who ever saw a cartoon, by his bitterest critic, picturing Roosevelt in a spirit of malice? A New York paper recently pictured Rockefeller as Uriah Heap, taking the inspiration from some of his sickly humble religious utterances about the way to success and the mistake of thinking too much of money, making a cartoon so repulsive it almost nauseated. Bryan is often drawn almost as severely. But who ever saw Roosevelt in a cartoon without a smile? It is the same with Taft. The "smile that won't come off" is on both their features in nearly all cartoons—and it is there in real life. It is a very valuable political asset with the American people.

Only Another Experiment

A collection of healed sores, even if leprosy sores, is not by any means evidence of a cure of leprosy. There are various well known salves which temporarily heal sores, and several often tried treatments of leprosy have produced very powerful temporary curative results. These treatments have been experimented with on Molokai. The famous Goto treatment is a notable example. All down the years, the various treatments that have been "discovered" have been given trials, and at the start in many cases they have seemed to be a success. Two or three years ago came reports of a plant growing in South America which produced a curative. It was imported and planted at Kalaupapa and given a trial. For a time it attracted attention. Now it is forgotten. Like all the other cures, it caused temporary improvements. But in all these cases the relapse seemed inevitable. Nevertheless it was right to make the experiments. Leprosy is an unsolved mystery and the most learned expert has no right to be dogmatic about it. Wallach probably has mixed up some herbs or drugs with curative properties, by means of which he has convinced numerous ignorant people that he can cure leprosy. Perhaps he thinks so himself. In any event there is no reason why his "remedy" should not be tried. From some of his conditions and utterances it looks as if a trial was really the last thing he wants. He is far better off now than he would have been if given a trial, or will be after the experiment is over.

It may be by way of keeping secret what country's diplomats he really wants to see and talk with that Secretary Taft is visiting them nearly all.

Several years ago The Star told where William H. Wright was. Since he absconded with \$18,000 of public money, probably no one has ever had difficulty in locating him except the authorities.

Roosevelt made his last speech for a time yesterday, and today he goes into camp for a rest, whatever that may mean in his case. He will probably emerge with some new nature stories.

Perhaps we had better send for Charles Mulford Robinson and pay him another \$500 to tell us where to put coal sheds. We needn't follow his advice any more than we are doing now after paying the last \$500.

Advice To Auto Men

The attention of our constantly growing automobile club is respectfully called to the views of The Christian Advocate, of New York, upon automobiles and use of them: "Ethics requires persons who can not afford to buy automobiles to resist the mania. In one city of moderate size within two months fifty men mortgaged their homes to get money to buy an automobile. These were probably not all, but all that could be ascertained. Since that time, in the same State, but in a smaller place, twenty-nine did the same thing. Ordinary drunkards do not go much farther than that. Every person who is a Christian should resist with all his moral power the growing tendency to spend Sunday in automobilizing. It is as right for a Christian who lives at a distance from church to ride there in an automobile as it is to do so in a carriage, but thousands who never thought of spending Sunday on excursions, beginning gradually, now spend the whole day in such pleasure. Temptations to spend the night come under the classification of hygiene. To allow young people to make night excursions to morally or otherwise uncanny regions is a violation of parental ethics. The old 'roadhouses' are coming back, with some added evils. Fearful domestic scandals, revealed by accidents, ending in the breaking up of families, are becoming numerous.

"We should say that at least twenty-five per cent. of all automobilists that we have seen have been guilty of one or more of the following infractions of public rights: Illegal speed, dangerous proximity to other vehicles, too great risks in passing, failure to foot their horns, or tooting them so loud as to frighten horses, indifference to the actions of horses, and disregard of common decencies, such as going at great speed through towns when church services are breaking up and

AUTO CLUB WILL FIGHT

OWNERS OF MACHINES MAY FIGHT SPEED ORDINANCE IN THE COURTS.

The Automobile Club is not going to rest idle under the proposition to pass a new ordinance further restricting auto speed in Honolulu. There will be a petition from the members against such action, setting forth reasons against changing the law, and there may be also action in the courts, in the way of an injunction, on the ground that the proposed new regulations are unreasonable.

It is claimed by the auto men that the present law is adequate, but it is admitted that there have been some reckless uses of machines under it. The proposed new law, however, is designed to make all the owners of machines suffer for the actions of one or two, say the auto men, and they will fight if necessary.

"When a man understands a machine and uses it properly," said one owner this morning, "there is no danger in a fifteen-mile speed. It is those who do not use the machines that fear them. Anyone who has used one knows how quickly an auto going fifteen miles can be stopped. It is safer than a horse."

The new auto ordinance will come up at the next meeting of the supervisors, when the auto club will probably be represented.

REV. YET SAYS HERMAN IS WICKED

ACCUSED STONE-THROWER DECLARED "ONE OF THE WORST BOYS IN TOWN."

There were only three cases on the docket this morning at Police Court, but they took the attention of the court until nearly twelve o'clock. The first case was an assault and battery against one Fujikama by Kihel Ota on the first of October, out in the Kaimuki district. It seems that Ota bit the left arm of Kihel and also the end off of one of his fingers. Witnesses testified that Ota was justified, but his own testimony on the stand was enough to convict him. As a result of his fight he was fined \$15 and costs which he paid.

A case of selling liquor without a license, which J. W. Brown was accused of doing on the night of September 29, on the corner of Beretania and King streets, took a long time. Several witnesses were called on the stand, but their testimony was very conflicting in some of the most important details was the contention made by Brown's attorney Wm. Crawford. But Judge Andrade in summing up the case decided that the evidence was enough for him, and he found the defendant guilty and ordered him to pay a fine of \$100 and costs. Crawford gave notice of an appeal.

The case against Herman Machado, accused by the Rev. Mr. Yet of St. Peter's Church of throwing stones and otherwise damaging his property, was put over until Tuesday morning, as the defendant in the case told Judge Andrade that he was not the one who had done it, but it was another boy named Joe Frazier who had done the throwing. Mr. Yet told the court that Herman was one of the worst boys in town, and that he did not know anything about the other boy in the case only knowing about Herman.

IS IN HILO NOW

Trans-Pacific Trade is now being published in Hilo. The first edition issued there is that of this week, which arrived in the Kilauea mail today. The publication date is Friday, October 4.

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—Chicago News.

the horses of attendants are drawn up in a row along the sidewalks; also, in addition to great speed, making all sorts of noises as they pass through the towns and laughing at the dismay of persons in carriages, or racing on the highways, also indifference to accidents which they have caused. Besides, we have seen in automobiles numbers of persons intoxicated, and in the aggregate a large number of automobiles under the management of small boys, and sometimes of girls.

"The automobile has come to stay. But that is no reason why decency, humanity, and law should go."

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